

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A topical formulation for preventing or treating acne, which comprises extract obtained from ~~at least one oriental medicine selected from the group consisting of *Cavalia gladiata*[[,]] and *Biota orientalis* and *Coptis chinensis*.~~

2. (Original) The formulation according to claim 1, wherein said extract obtained from said oriental medicine is contained in said topical formulation in an amount of from 0.001 to 20.0 wt%.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The formulation according to claim 1, wherein said formulation comprises~~ A topical formulation for preventing or treating acne comprising extract obtained from two different kinds of oriental medicine, wherein said extract comprises 0.01-10 wt% of *Cavalia gladiata* and 0.01-10 wt% of *Biota orientalis*; 0.01-10 wt% of *Cavalia gladiata* and 0.001-5 wt% of *Coptis chinensis*; or 0.01-10 wt% of *Biota orientalis* and 0.001-5 wt% of *Coptis chinensis*.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The formulation according to claim 1, wherein said formulation comprises~~ A topical formulation for preventing or treating acne comprising extract obtained from three different kinds of oriental medicine, wherein said extract comprises 0.01-10 wt% of *Cavalia gladiata* and 0.01-10 wt% of *Biota orientalis* and 0.001-5 wt% of *Coptis chinensis*.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The formulation according to claim 1, wherein preparation of said extract comprises~~ A method of preparing the topical formulation of claim 1 comprising the steps of:

(a) powderizing *Cavalia gladiata*[[,]] ~~or *Biota orientalis* and *Coptis chinensis*,~~
respectively,

(b) heat-extracting said obtained powder in at least one ~~extraetion~~ solvent selected from the group consisting of distilled water, methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, glycerol, propyleneglycol, 1,3-butylene glycol, methyl acetate, ethyl acetate, benzene, hexane, diethyl ether and dicholoromethane,

(c) filtering said obtained extract, and

(d) concentrating and freeze drying the resultant under reduced pressure.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The formulation according to claim 1, wherein said formulation is in the form of emulsion, gel, pack, cosmetic liquid or soap for cosmetics, ointments or patches for pharmaceuticals.

8-9. (Canceled)

10. (New) The formulation according to claim 2, wherein said formulation is in the form of emulsion, gel, pack, cosmetic liquid or soap for cosmetics, ointments or patches for pharmaceuticals.

11. (New) The formulation according to claim 3, wherein said formulation is in the form of emulsion, gel, pack, cosmetic liquid or soap for cosmetics, ointments or patches for pharmaceuticals.

12. (New) The formulation according to claim 4, wherein said formulation is in the form of emulsion, gel, pack, cosmetic liquid or soap for cosmetics, ointments or patches for pharmaceuticals.

13. (New) A method of preparing the topical formulation of claim 3 comprising the steps of:

(a) powderizing at least two from the group consisting of *Cavalia gladiata*, *Biota orientalis*, and *Coptis chinensis*;

(b) heat-extracting obtained powder in at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of distilled water, methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, glycerol, propyleneglycol, 1,3-butylene glycol, methyl acetate, ethyl acetate, benzene, hexane, diethyl ether and dichloromethane;

(c) filtering obtained extract, and

(d) concentrating and freeze drying the resultant under reduced pressure.

14. (New) A method of preparing the topical formulation of claim 4 comprising the steps of:

(a) powderizing *Cavalia gladiata*, *Biota orientalis*, and *Coptis chinensis*;

(b) heat-extracting obtained powder in at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of distilled water, methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, glycerol, propyleneglycol,

1,3-butylene glycol, methyl acetate, ethyl acetate, benzene, hexane, diethyl ether and dichloromethane;

(c) filtering obtained extract, and

(d) concentrating and freeze drying the resultant under reduced pressure.